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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL FOR DONALD L. SPARKS

1. INR/REC'S REGIONAL ECONOMIST FOR AFRICA, DON SPARKS
(FSR-7, M.A., 1977, S.O.A.S.), PLANS TO ARRIVE KINSHASA
EVENING SEPTEMBER 2B FOR ONE WEEK VISIT TO ZAIRE AS
BEGINNING OF 3-WEEK ORIENTATION/CONSULTATION WITH SEVERAL
AFRICAN POSTS.

2. FOR KINSHASA, WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH EMBASSY
ECONOMIC OFFICERS SEPT. 27 TO DISCUSS CURRENT ECONOMIC
SITUATION, ESPECIALLY EMBASSY'S VIEWS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
MOBUTU PLAN, AND GOVERNMENT/DONOR'S GENERAL ECONOMIC
RECOVERY AND REFORM SCENARIO. PEACE CORPS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TOM RANDOLPH (PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE) AT BANDUNDU
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HAS OFFERED A TOUR OF P.C. OPERATIONS THERE AND ELSEWHERE
IN RURAL ZAIRE. IF EMBASSY AGREES, SPARKS PLANS TO TRAVEL
WITH RANDOLPH SEPT. 28 THRU SEPT. 30. SPARKS ALSO PLANS
3-DAY VISIT TO LUBUMBASHI SEPT. 30 THRU OCT. 2. WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARANGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN KINSHASA
SEPT. 2G AND 2T AND ALSO CONTACTING RANDOLPH, P.C.V.,
BANDUNDU TO CONFIRM ABOVE DATES. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. FOR LUBUMBASHI, WOULD APPRECIATE CONSULTATION AT CONSULATE AND ARRANGE VISIT WITH GECAMINES MINING OFFICIALS MORNING OF OCTOBER 2 TO SEE COPPER/COBALT MINING OPERATIONS IN LUBUMBASHI. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SEPT. 30 AND OCT. 1 WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ALSO, COULD CONSULATE ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO LUSAKA OCT. 2. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. FOR LUSAKA, WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER OCT. 3 TO DISCUSS GENERAL ECONOMIC CLIMATE AND GAIN EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON ECONOMIC PROSPECTS, IF CONVENIENT WITH EMBASSY. SPARKS DESIRES TO TRAVEL TO DAR ES SALAAM VIA TAZARA R.R. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY BOOKING FIRST CLASS PASSAGE FROM LUSAKA VIA KAPIRI MPOSHI TO DAR ES SALAAM FOR NIGHT OF OCTOBER 3. ALSO, ACCOMMODATION RESERVATIONS FOR OCT. 2 WOULD BE APPRECIATED. PLEASE ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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